

KCIA FACE Team

January 2023
Monthly Report



Our Team



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FACE TEAM Strategic Goal

Develop a family liaison team with systems to support the physical, emotional and academic needs of KCIA families, with the goal of increasing family and student access to education.

FACE Team Strategic Plan Objectives

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- 1 • Administer an annual needs/interest family survey to refine direction for parent education events and wrap around service offerings
 - 2 • Implement a minimum of 3 learning-focused family engagement activities per year
 - 3 • Maintain a Parent Advisory Committee that meets at least 2 times per year with at least 5 parent representatives in attendance
 - 4 • Implement academic focused family orientation sessions and/or home visits 3 times per year to strengthen family-school partnerships focused on academic learning.

FACE Team Resources and Services



Van Pickups

AM pickups for missed buses



Food Pantry & Back-Snacks

Resources for food scarcity and economic need



Caring Closet

Clothing, shoes, coats



Giving the Basics

Resources for toiletries and household items



Housing Assistance

For families in transition, seeking shelter



Health Supports

Connections to dental, vision, medical and mental health resources

January 2023 Key Numbers

100+

Van Pickups to supplement
bus transportation

5

Families assisted with
emergency shelter

25

Families assisted with clothing,
toiletries and emergency food
supplements

Coordinator & Liaison Reports



Alison Bennett

Impact Missouri is a community based program that brings resource providers together in one setting that allows parents to meet with providers and learn about resources in their community. I attended my first session with a mother on my caseload, Melissa. Melissa was able to meet with Housing, KCP&L, Spire and Tanf specialists. We were also able to learn about a new program offered to a small group of families in Kansas City that provides a laptop and internet access to families based on their household address. The focus of the program is to bridge the gap of computer and internet insecurities. Melissa and her family qualified for this program and were able to receive a new laptop and internet service for their household.

I attended an informational meeting regarding LIHEAP. I learned some quick and easy tips to ensure that our families are receiving all of the information and benefits that LIHEAP offers.

School Saturday was January 28th from 10a-12p. While I did not have any new parents/caregivers arrive at the school, I was able to talk to and provide a tour to two teachers from Center School District. They were amazed at all of the flags hanging in the hallways and all of the services that our school assists families with.

I meet weekly with a student at his grandparent's home who is doing online school. He is currently struggling with his gym and art classes. During a home visit, we made a plan for gym class and had him do push ups, sit ups, jumping jacks and stretches. This pic is mid jumping jack and he surprised himself at how high he jumped.

The FACE Team has been providing van transportation each day for students that miss the bus or have had issues with their bus. Sometimes early morning van trips can be exhausting. I know that the students and their families are thankful for the FACE Team and that we are able to provide transportation when needed.

It is always nice to get a new outfit to help you feel your best. Salima was definitely feeling beautiful in her new outfit from the Caring Closet.






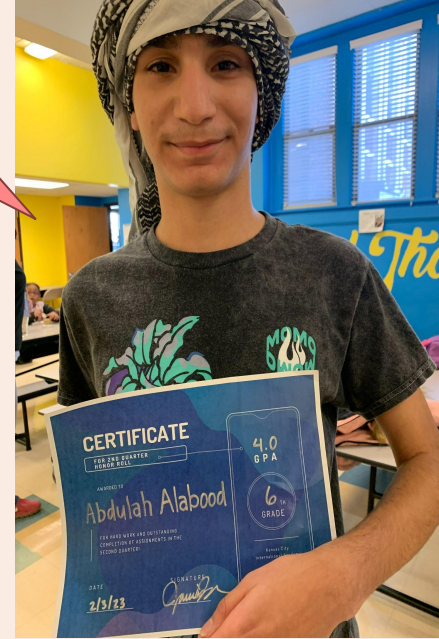
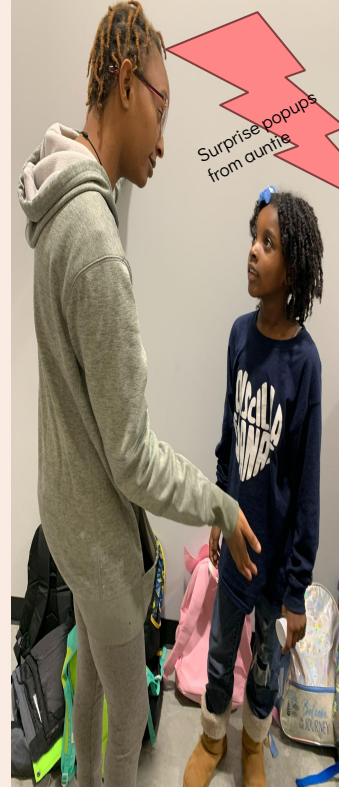
LaTeasha Randle

Welcome BACK! January was a fun month. So much excitement as the students and staff returned after the winter break. Students were so excited to talk about what they did over the break. I continued working with one family that had been displaced right before winter break. Mom has been displaced several times over the past month and a half all while being pregnant. At the end of January mom was finally able to settle into a shelter that will assist her with securing permanent housing. I worked with another family that had been displaced due to a domestic violence situation. I am hoping that February brings more relief to both of these families.

I have added a few pictures to display a day in the life of a FaceTeam Coordinator. Everyday is not the same and we have to come in daily ready to push up our sleeves ready to tackle what comes our way. We are arms extended ready to display love and prove that LOVE DOES WORK!



The many faces of KCIA





Nohemi Sanchez


We just started a new year! I believed that every new year is a new opportunity to be better and do better always with a serving heart to give the best support to our families and staff. .

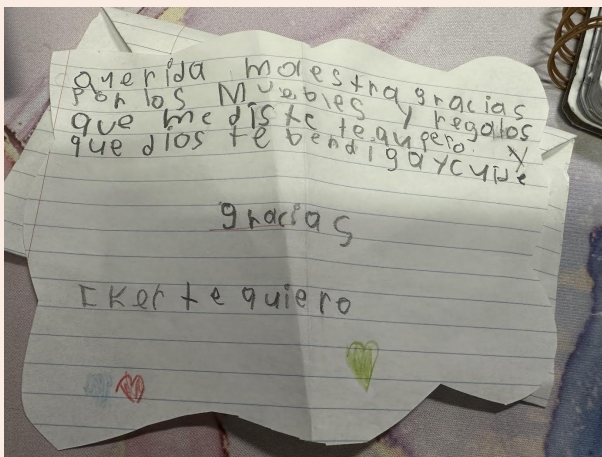
January was a rough month to one of my families, they started the year being homeless and living in their car, I help them find a house that they could move in right away, luckily we found one and the landlord waive the deposit and first month of rent because of the situation this family was going through. Once they move in they did not had any furniture and were sleeping on the floor, thankfully all the staff came together and furnish the entire home, donating a living set, dining set, beds, mattresses, dishes, pots and many more items. Mom was really thankful and the student wrote a thank you card to all the staff.

Another accomplishment this month was that I was able to connect a family to a family doctor to being seen for the first time since they arrived to the country.

A total of 5 families benefited from food from the food pantry, received clothes and hygiene products.

Lastly I coordinate with the director of volunteers to provide a students with Christmas gift for the first time in his life, he was very happy and thankful.





Letter Translation: *Dear Teacher, thank you for the furniture and gifts that you gave me, I love it, God bless you and take care of you. Thank you.*

